

NORTHERN INDIANA FUEL AND LIGHT  
AUBURN, INDIANA

**Northern Indiana Fuel and Light, Auburn, IN**, distributes natural gas to 34,000 customers in Northeastern Indiana. It also provides and services natural gas appliances to customers. Over the past several years, the facility has taken steps to reduce its environmental impact by discontinuing the use of chlorinated solvents and removing underground storage tanks. The facility is certified to ISO 14001.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

##### *Past Accomplishments*

Northern Indiana Fuel and Light proved its commitment to environmental performance in the areas of contaminant removal and vulnerability and potential for releases. Since 1997, the facility has:

- **Removed** contaminated sediments and over 1000 cubic yards of coal tar from a creek bed, and restored the creek bed by re-vegetating with native plants.
- **Reduced vulnerability and potential for release** by reducing the number of hazardous waste drums from more than 50 to less than 10 drums. The facility established a Drum Management Program and conducted employee training to eliminate the possibility of having unidentified containers on the property.

##### *Future Commitments*

Northern Indiana Fuel and Light also committed to continued environmental improvement through continued contaminant removal, reduced vulnerability and potential for releases, habitat improvements, and reductions in solid waste. By 2003, the facility will:

- **Complete removal** of waste on site by reducing waste from 4,000 to 0 cubic yards. The manufactured gas plant waste will be removed and used as fuel in one of the corporation's facilities.
- **Reduce vulnerability and potential for releases** by placing spill kits in areas of concern and training employees in their use.
- **Improve wetlands habitat protection** by increasing employee awareness from a low to a high/universal level of awareness through wetlands training inclusion in the annual ISO Awareness Training program.
- **Reduce solid waste** by improving waste management and increasing recycling through improved employee awareness, and by auditing dumpsters and providing appropriate re-instruction.

#### AT A GLANCE

Industry Sector:	Natural Gas
Business:	Distributes natural gas, provides and services natural gas appliances
Facility Employees:	50-99
Accomplishments:	Removed contaminants Reduced vulnerability and potential for releases
2003 Commitments:	Remove contaminants Reduce vulnerability and potential for releases Improve wetland habitat Reduce solid waste
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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Northern Indiana Fuel and Light, Auburn has a comprehensive community relations plan. Community members are informed of any environmental matters before they become issues, and members are also directed to sources should they have further questions, concerns, or need additional information. The facility maintains a complete list of all parties who may be interested or affected by the facility's work, and are informed of any upcoming work and asked for their comments. Detailed mailings are sent out during various steps of the investigation and remediation of the manufactured gas plant. Copies of all relevant documents (i.e. work plans) are placed in the local library, along with phone numbers of contacts. The Performance Track Annual Performance Report will be available on the website and in the newspaper.